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1. New petroleum deposits have been found in the Bulgaria Dobrudja at Kavarna, (Kavarna) not Varna). Kavarna is located at 43° 26' N-- 28° 20' E. Immediately after this discovery was made, the Soviet authorities evacuated the country for a radius of twenty kilometers around the oil-bearing zone.
2. To carry out the work necessary for further exploration in this district and for the boring proper, fifteen hundred workmen have been brought into the area. It is expected, however, that forced labor camps for many times that number will be set up here. The figure of 15,000 is sometimes mentioned locally, though this is nothing more than a guess.

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